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TITLE: Polypeptides from Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus, DNA encoding same and uses thereof

## DEPR:

This invention provides the isolated KSHV polypeptide comprising viral interleukin 6 (vIL-6) encoded by ORF K2. In one embodiment, antibodies selectively recognizing vIL-6 allow differentiation among lymphomas.

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FIGS. 5A-5B FIG. 5A. Immunoblot of rabbit anti-peptide antibodies generated from amino acid sequences of vIL-6, THYSPPKFDR (SEQ ID NO:2) and PDVTPDVHDR (SEQ ID NO:3), against cell lysates of BCP-1, BC-1, P3HR1 cell lines with and without TPA induction (lanes 1-6), 1 .mu.g human rIL-6 (lane 7), and concentrated COS7 rvIL-6 and 6-LIV supernatants (lanes 8-9). Anti-vIL-6 antibodies specifically recognize the viral IL-6 polypeptide in both recombinant supernatants and cell lines but not human IL-6. The BCP-1 cell line constitutively expresses low levels of vIL-6 whereas polypeptide expression increases on TPA treatment for both BC-1 (KSHV and EBV coinfecting) and BCP-1 (KSHV infection alone) indicating lytic phase expression. Preimmune sera from immunized rabbits did not react on immunoblotting to any of the preparations. FIG. 5B. Anti-huIL-6 monoclonal antibodies do not cross-react with cell-associated or recombinant vIL-6 preparations.

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L5 ANSWER 1 OF 9 MEDLINE  
AN 1999412342 MEDLINE  
DN 99412342  
TI Human herpesvirus 8 **interleukin-6** (vIL-6) signals through gp130 but has structural and **receptor-binding** properties distinct from those of human IL-6.  
AU Wan X; Wang H; Nicholas J  
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NC R55 CA76445 (NCI)  
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SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1999 Oct) 73 (10) 8268-78.  
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CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
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EM 199912  
EW 19991203  
AB Human herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8) has been associated with classical, endemic (African), and AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), body cavity-based primary effusion lymphomas, and multicentric Castleman's disease (MCD). HHV-8 encodes a functional homologue of **interleukin-6** (IL-6), a cytokine that promotes the growth of KS and myeloma cells and is found at elevated levels in MCD lesions and patient sera. We have previously reported that the **viral IL-6** (vIL-6) gene product can support the growth of the IL-6-dependent murine hybridoma cell line, B9, and that the gp80 (IL-6 **receptor** [IL-6R]) component of the IL-6 **receptor**-signal transducer (gp180) complex plays a role in mediating this activity. However, it has been shown by others that vIL-6 can function in human cells independently of IL-6R. Here we have extended our functional studies of vIL-6 by identifying transcription factors and pathways used in human Hep3B cells, investigating the utilization of gp130 and IL-6R by vIL-6, and undertaking mutational analyses of vIL-6 and gp130. The data presented here establish that vIL-6, in common with its endogenous counterparts, can mediate signal transduction through gp130 and activate multiple transcription factors, map residues within the vIL-6 protein that are and are not important for vIL-6 signalling, and identify a gp130 mutant that is nonfunctional with respect to vIL-6 signalling in the absence of IL-6R but that retains the ability to mediate vIL-6 and human IL-6 (hIL-6) signal transduction when IL-6R is coexpressed. The data presented demonstrate functional and mechanistic similarities between vIL-6 and endogenous IL-6 proteins but also highlight differences in the structural and **receptor-binding** properties of vIL-6 relative to its human counterpart.

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AN 1999290757 MEDLINE  
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TI Angiogenesis and hematopoiesis induced by Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus-encoded **interleukin-6** [see comments].  
CM Comment in: Blood 1999 Jun 15;93(12):4031-3  
AU Aoki Y; Jaffe E S; Chang Y; Jones K; Teruya-Feldstein J; Moore P S; Tosato G  
CS Division of Hematologic Products, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Bethesda, MD, USA..  
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SO BLOOD, (1999 Jun 15) 93 (12) 4034-43.  
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CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199909  
EW 19990901  
AB Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (KSHV; also known as human herpesvirus 8 [HHV-8]) is a herpesvirus linked to the development of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), primary effusion lymphoma, and a proportion of Castleman's disease. KSHV encodes viral **interleukin-6** (vIL-6), which is **structurally homologous** to human and murine IL-6. The biological **activities** of vIL-6 are largely unknown. To gain insight into the biology of vIL-6, we expressed vIL-6 in murine fibroblasts NIH3T3 cells and inoculated stable vIL-6-producing clones into athymic mice. vIL-6 was detected selectively in the blood of mice injected with vIL-6-expressing clones. Compared with controls, vIL-6-positive mice displayed increased hematopoiesis in the myeloid, erythroid, and megakaryocytic lineages; plasmacytosis in spleen and lymph nodes; hepatosplenomegaly; and polyclonal hypergammaglobulinemia. vIL-6-expressing NIH3T3 cells gave rise to tumors more rapidly than did control cells, and vIL-6-positive tumors were more vascularized than controls. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) was detected at higher levels in the culture supernatant of vIL-6-expressing cells compared with controls, and immunohistochemical staining detected VEGF in spleen, lymph nodes, and tumor tissues from mice bearing vIL-6-producing tumors but not control tumors. Thus, vIL-6 is a multifunctional cytokine that promotes hematopoiesis, plasmacytosis, and angiogenesis. Through these **functions**, vIL-6 may play an important role in the pathogenesis of certain KSHV-associated disorders.

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TI KSHV-encoded viral IL-6 activates multiple human IL-6 signaling pathways.

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SO HUMAN IMMUNOLOGY, (1999 Oct) 60 (10) 921-7.  
Journal code: G9W. ISSN: 0198-8859.

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AB Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (KSHV or HHV8) encodes a **structural and functional homologue** of human IL-6 called viral IL-6 (vIL-6). Expression of vIL-6 in KSHV-related lymphoproliferative disorders has been implicated in their pathogenesis. vIL-6 has been shown to mimic a number of IL-6 **activities** including stimulating the growth of IL-6 dependent cell lines and activating the JAK1 and STAT1/3 pathway in HepG2 cells. However, IL-6 and vIL-6 display differences in receptor usage that may give rise to underlying qualitative and quantitative differences in the signaling pathways utilized. While IL-6 has an absolute requirement for both the IL-6 Ralpha and the gp130 subunits, vIL-6 appears to require only gp130. In addition to JAK1 and STAT1/3 pathways, IL-6 activates multiple other pathways including the direct activation of STAT 5 by JAK1, the Ras-MAP kinase cascade and a novel H7-sensitive pathway. In this study we examined

whether vIL-6 is capable of signaling via distinct IL-6 response elements (IL-6 RE) under the control of these different pathways. We show that vIL-6 activates both STAT1/3- and STAT5-dependent Type II IL-6 REs. In addition, vIL-6 induces transcriptional activation via a Type I IL-6 RE that binds C/EBP, indicative of Ras-MAP kinase pathway induction. Furthermore, vIL-6 is capable of activating the IL-6 response element in the c-jun promoter (RE-IL-6). vIL-6 induced activation of JRE-IL-6 requires both the Ets- and Cre-like sites, suggesting that vIL-6 is capable of stimulating the same novel serine/threonine kinase mediated pathway as IL-6. These results demonstrate that vIL-6 can stimulate all

of the known IL-6-induced signaling pathways. Therefore, vIL-6 could potentially contribute to KSHV-related disease progression by continued activation of IL-6-stimulated growth and anti-apoptotic pathways even

when cells attempt to protect themselves from IL-6 over-stimulation by downmodulating their IL-6Ralpha subunits.

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AN 97289981 MEDLINE

DN 97289981

TI **Interleukin-6: structure-function**  
relationships.

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CY United States

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GENBANK-M80258; GENBANK-L46803; GENBANK-X57317; GENBANK-X68723;  
GENBANK-M24221; GENBANK-M26744

EM 199711

AB **Interleukin-6** (IL-6) is a multifunctional cytokine that plays a central role in host defense due to its wide range of immune and hematopoietic **activities** and its potent ability to induce the acute phase response. Overexpression of IL-6 has been implicated in the pathology of a number of diseases including multiple myeloma, rheumatoid arthritis, Castleman's disease, psoriasis, and post-menopausal osteoporosis. Hence, selective antagonists of IL-6 action may offer therapeutic benefits. IL-6 is a member of the family of cytokines that includes interleukin-11, leukemia inhibitory factor, oncostatin M, cardiotrophin-1, and ciliary neurotrophic factor. Like the other members of this family, IL-6 induces growth or differentiation via a receptor-system that involves a specific receptor and the use of a shared signaling subunit, gp130. Identification of the regions of IL-6 that are involved in the interactions with the IL-6 receptor, and gp130 is an important first step in the rational manipulation of the effects of this cytokine for therapeutic benefit. In this review, we focus on the sites

on IL-6 which interact with its low-affinity specific receptor, the IL-6 receptor, and the high-affinity converter gp130. A tentative model for

the IL-6 hexameric receptor ligand complex is presented and discussed with respect to the mechanism of action of the other members of the IL-6

family of cytokines.



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L20 ANSWER 11 OF 20 MEDLINE

AN 96075789 MEDLINE

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TI **Functional** distinction of two regions of human  
**interleukin 6** important for signal transduction via  
gp130.

AU de Hon F D; ten Boekel E; Herrman J; Clement C; Ehlers M; Taga T;  
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SO CYTOKINE, (1995 Jul) 7 (5) 398-407.

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CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199602

AB Mutagenesis of a region of human interleukin (IL)-6 which is important  
for

triggering signal transduction via the IL-6 receptor beta-chain (gp130)  
has lead to the isolation of a variant of human IL-6 (IL-6.Q160E/T163P),  
which could antagonize the biological **activity** of wild type IL-6  
on the human EBV transformed B cell line CESS and the human hepatoma cell  
line HepG2. Surprisingly this antagonistic IL-6 variant had an agonistic  
effect on the human myeloma cell line XG-1, albeit at a 1000-fold higher  
concentration than wild type IL-6. This residual **activity** of the  
mutant arose from triggering gp130, because it could be inhibited by a  
gp130 specific mAb. Extensive mutagenesis of residues between Q153 and  
H165 of human IL-6, a region which is partly **homologous** in  
cytokines which also signal via gp130 (oncostatin M, ciliary neurotrophic  
factor, leukaemia inhibitory factor, IL-11), did result in the isolation  
of a second antagonist for IL-6 **activity** on CESS and HepG2  
cells. However on XG-1 cells this variant was active as well. These  
results suggest that (an) additional region(s) of the IL-6 molecule might  
be involved in gp130 triggering. Recently we indeed found that residues  
Lys42-Ala57 are also important for gp130 triggering. Inhibition  
experiments with neutralizing IL-6R alpha-chain specific mAb show that  
this region can be **functionally** separated from the Q153-H165  
region. These findings have important implications for the development of  
receptor antagonists of IL-6 and IL-6 family members.

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L20 ANSWER 15 OF 20 MEDLINE

AN 95276635 MEDLINE

DN 95276635

TI **Structure-function** analysis of human IL-6:

identification of two distinct regions that are important for receptor binding.

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SO PROTEIN SCIENCE, (1994 Dec) 3 (12) 2280-93.

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CY United States

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LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199509

AB **Interleukin-6** (IL-6) is a multifunctional cytokine that plays an important role in host defense. It has been predicted that IL-6 may fold as a 4 alpha-helix bundle **structure** with up-up-down-down topology. Despite a high degree of sequence similarity (42%) the human and mouse IL-6 polypeptides display distinct species-specific **activities**. Although human IL-6 (hIL-6) is active in both human and mouse cell assays, mouse IL-6 (mIL-6) is not active on human cells. Previously, we demonstrated that the 5 C-terminal residues of mIL-6 are important for **activity**, conformation, and stability (Ward LD et al., 1993, Protein Sci 2:1472-1481). To further probe the **structure-function** relationship of this cytokine, we have constructed several human/mouse IL-6 hybrid molecules. Restriction endonuclease sites were introduced and used to ligate the human and mouse sequences at junction points situated at Leu-62 (Lys-65

in

mIL-6) in the putative connecting loop AB between helices A and B, at Arg-113 (Val-117 in mIL-6) at the N-terminal end of helix C, at Lys-150 (Asp-152 in mIL-6) in the connecting loop CD between helices C and D, and at Leu-178 (Thr-180 in mIL-6) in helix D. Hybrid molecules consisting of various combinations of these fragments were constructed, expressed, and purified to homogeneity. The conformational integrity of the IL-6 hybrids was assessed by far-UV CD. Analysis of their biological **activity** in a human bioassay (using the HepG2 cell line), a mouse bioassay (using the 7TD1 cell line), and receptor binding properties indicates that at least 2 regions of hIL-6, residues 178-184 in helix D and residues 63-113 in the region incorporating part of the putative connecting loop AB through to the beginning of helix C, are critical for efficient binding

to

the human IL-6 receptor. For human IL-6, it would appear that

interactions

between residues Ala-180, Leu-181, and Met-184 and residues in the N-terminal region may be critical for maintaining the **structure** of the molecule; replacement of these residues with the corresponding 3 residues in mouse IL-6 correlated with a significant loss of

alpha-helical

content and a 200-fold reduction in **activity** in the mouse bioassay. A **homology** model of mIL-6 based on the X-ray **structure** of human granulocyte colony-stimulating factor is presented.

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L20 ANSWER 12 OF 20 MEDLINE  
AN 95386687 MEDLINE  
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TI AIDS-associated Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) cells express oncostatin M (OM)-specific receptor but not leukemia inhibitory factor/OM receptor or **interleukin-6** receptor. Complete block of OM-induced KS cell growth and OM binding by anti-gp130 antibodies.  
AU Murakami-Mori K; Taga T; Kishimoto T; Nakamura S  
CS Institute of Molecular Medicine and Technology, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California 91105, USA.  
SO JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1995 Sep) 96 (3) 1319-27. Journal code: HS7. ISSN: 0021-9738.  
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LA English  
FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199512  
AB Oncostatin M (OM), which shares **functional** similarity and **structural homology** to leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF) and **interleukin-6** (IL-6), **functions** as a potent growth factor for AIDS-associated Kaposi's sarcoma-derived cells (AIDS-KS cells). OM was also suggested to bind to the LIF receptor (LIF/OM receptor), which consists of a signal transducing subunit for LIF and IL-6 (gp130) and a LIF receptor alpha-subunit. Recent studies indicate that IL-6 has growth-stimulating **activity** for AIDS-KS cells. However, we find that AIDS-KS cell growth is exclusively induced by OM and not by LIF or IL-6. We also observed the lack of binding properties of AIDS-KS cells for LIF and IL-6. Scatchard plots revealed the existence of two affinity classes of OM receptor sites on AIDS-KS cells, with Kd values of 6-12 pM (high affinity) and 521-815 pM (low affinity). In competition binding studies, we find that the OM-specific receptor, but not the LIF/OM receptor, contributes to the OM-specific growth stimulation of AIDS-KS cells. We also noted that anti-gp130 antibodies can completely abolish OM-induced growth stimulation of AIDS-KS cells as well as OM binding to AIDS-KS cells. PCR amplification clearly revealed high levels of gp130 expression in AIDS-KS cells, while the transcript of LIF receptor alpha-subunit or IL-6 receptor alpha-subunit was not observed. Therefore, we conclude that (a) AIDS-KS cells express the OM-specific receptor with high and low affinity, but not the LIF/OM receptor; (b) gp130 on AIDS-KS cells plays a key role in OM binding and signaling on the OM-specific receptor; and (c) the lack of biological response of AIDS-KS cells to IL-6 and LIF can be explained by the absence of the IL-6 and LIF/OM receptors. All this evidence shows the correlation of OM-specific biological **activity** with expression of the OM-specific receptor and the involvement of gp130 on this receptor, as based on findings in in vitro growth assays and binding experiments for AIDS-KS cells.